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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

## Intimations.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Third Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the Company's OFFICES, No. 6, Ice House Lane, TO-MORROW, the 11th June, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th April, 1892, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th May to 11th June, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
CHAS. F. HARTON,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, June 10, 1892.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

SHORT RANGE CUP AND SPOONS, 200 and 300 yards, on SATURDAY, 11th Instant, at 3 p.m.

ED. ROBINSON,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, June 9, 1892.

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHEE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY General MEETING of the PUNJOM AND SUNGHEE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Connaught House, Queen's Road, Hongkong, at Noon, on MONDAY, the 20th day of JUNE, 1892, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the Resolutions following:—

1.—That it is desirable to reconstruct the Company, and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily, and that A. D. GOURDIN, Esq., be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator, for the purpose of such winding up.

2.—That the said Liquidator be and he is hereby authorized to consent to the registration of the PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, Limited, with a Memorandum and Articles of Association which have already been prepared with the privy and approval of the Directors of this Company.

3.—That the Draft Agreement submitted to this Meeting and expressed to be made between this Company and its Liquidator of the one part, and the PUNJOM MINING COMPANY, Limited, of the other part, be and is hereby approved, and that the said Liquidator be and he is hereby authorized, pursuant to the provisions of Section 149 of the Companies' Ordinance, 1865, to enter into an Agreement with such New Company when incorporated in the terms of the said draft, and to carry the same into effect with such (if any) modifications as the Liquidator may think expedient.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority they will be submitted for Confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

By Order of the Board,  
A. D. GOURDIN,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, June 8, 1892.

THE JELEBOU MINING & TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

A DIVIDEND of 15% for the Half Year closing 31st January, 1892 having been declared, COUPONS No. 4 is PAYABLE at the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, Ltd., in Hongkong and Singapore and after TO day as follows:—

Set A for 50 Shares with \$7.50  
B 20 " 15.00  
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STÜTTENBACH BROTHERS & Co., General Agents.

Singapore, 23rd May, 1892.

NOTICE.

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHEE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

ALL PERSONS holding SCRIP in the above Company are requested to send it in AT ONCE for Transfer.

A Circular will be sent to each Shareholder in reference to the re-construction of the Company.

A. D. GOURDIN,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, May 25, 1892.

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Hongkong, May 13, 1892.

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RULES may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4% PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

F. DE BOVIS, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 13, 1892.

PRIVATE BOARD & RESIDENCE.

Mrs. FALCONER has VACANCIES for Gentleman's Resident ANDREWS at Kowloon, Victoria View.

Hongkong, July 13, 1891.

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## Intimation.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTH CALL of ONE POUND (£1) per Share, making £6 in all, is PAYABLE on or before 30th JUNE next, at the Current Rate of Exchange as may be notified.

Hongkong, June 8, 1892.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 17th Instant, both days inclusive.

F. W. CROSS,  
Manager.

Hongkong, June 4, 1892.

ALDBECK MACGREGOR & Co., Wine and Spirit Merchants, 13, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, August 18, 1891.

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Hongkong, April 4, 1892.

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Rosewood, Semi-Grand, Broadwood, \$800. Walnut, Up-Grand, Horner, \$150.

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# THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 9150.—JUNE 10, 1892.

## Intimations.

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.  
LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE HONGKONG TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

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3.—Cantlie, Dr. J. Peak.  
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22.—China Mail Office.  
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71.—China Sugar Refinery, Town Office.  
72.—Do. do. East Point.  
12.—Daily Press' Office.  
17.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.  
41.—Dudell, Carrill & Co., Queen's Road.  
60.—Dakin Bros. of China, Ltd.  
E.—  
14.—E. & A. China Telegraph Co., Ltd.  
G.—  
14.—Great Northern Telegraph Co., Ltd.  
31.—Gibb, Livingston & Co., Duddell St.  
44.—Government House.  
46.—Gas Co., Ltd., West Point.  
47.—Do. do. East Point.  
60.—Government Civil Hospital.  
H.—  
1.—Hongkong Telegraph' Office.  
2.—Dr Hartman, Queen's Road.  
3.—Do. do. Queen's Road.  
9.—Hongkong & Shanghai Bank.  
11.—Hongkong Club.  
20.—Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.  
13.—Hongkong Trading Co., Ltd.  
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28.—Holiday, Clans, Residence.  
32.—Hongkong Hotel, Public Telephone.  
58.—Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.  
45.—Hongkong Rope Factory.  
67.—Hughes, E. J., Residence.  
81.—Hongkong & Whampoa Wharf & General Office, Ltd.  
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92.—Ho Tung, Bonham Strand.  
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23.—Jordan, Dr G. P., Praya Central.  
30.—Joseph, H. H., Residence.  
43.—Jordan, Dr G. P., Residence.  
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63.—Judd, Wm., Residence.  
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64a.—Do. do. Gaway Bay.  
4.—Lapraik, J. D., Stewart Terrace.  
M.—  
6.—Manager's Telephone Exchange.  
35.—Mount Austin Hotel.  
39.—Macleish, E., Residence.  
64.—MacEwen, Fricke & Co., Ltd.  
N.—  
5.—Nam Wo & Co., Wing Lok Street.  
34.—Peak Hospital.  
29.—Peak Hotel & Trading Co., Ltd.  
19.—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
Q.—  
36a.—Quarry Bay Sugar Refinery.  
34.—Ray, E. C., Residence.  
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S.—  
7.—Scott, H. J., Residence.  
37.—Scottish Oriental S.S. Co., Ltd.  
49.—Shaw & Co., Praya Central.  
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SUNDAY, JUNE 10.

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For further information as to Fares,  
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E. HOLLOWAY,  
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Office: Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, May 28, 1892. 956

## Mails.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1892.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Empress of China, Saturday, JUNE 18.

Empress of India, Saturday, JUNE 9.

Empress of Japan, Saturday, JUNE 30.

THE M. S. EMPRESS OF CHINA, A  
R. ARCHIBALD, Commander, sailing  
at Noon, on SUNDAY, the 18th June, 1892,  
with Her Majesty's Mail will stop  
at VICTORIA, and SHANGHAI, KOREA,  
INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

Mr. H. B. Pollock, barrister, took his seat on the bench today as Acting *Fuiano* Judge, and heard a number of causes in the Summary Court.

**THE FIRE BRIGADE** turned out for drill yesterday afternoon on the Praya, near the City Hall. The men were exercised in ladder drill, coupling, and other work, and went through these evolutions with a celerity and accuracy which won them the approbation of Mr. Weddhouse, the Chief of the Brigade, who supervised the drill. At the close, he addressed a few remarks to the men, complimenting them on the smartness of their turn out, and he took the opportunity to give them some hints upon firemen's duties.

At the Magistracy to-day a woman was sent to prison for nine months by Mr. Weddhouse for bringing a young woman to the Colony against her will with a view to transporting her to Singapore as a prostitute. The young woman stated that she was kidnapped from her native village in the Kwangsi province, where she lived with an uncle, her parents having died. She was taken to Canton and sold to the prisoner, by whom she was brought to Hongkong in the river steamer this morning. The price paid for her was \$50. She had been told to say that she was Annamese, and that she was going to her husband in Singapore, but when spoken to on board the steamer by a detective of the Po Loung Kuk she told the truth as to her ancestors. The case, it may be remarked, affords a very good illustration of the kind of work which the Po Loung Kuk does for the colony.

H. M. S. *Reindeer* arrived at Shanghai on the 3rd inst. from Wusan after having been down the Lower Yangtze for target practice.

**YESTERDAY** morning (says the *N.C. Daily News* of May 24th inst.) Inspector Flawell found the body of a foreigner floating in the river a short distance from H.M.S. *Caroline*. The deceased belonged to the Italian man-of-war *Curatolo* and fell overboard on Tuesday morning from the vessel while at gun drill. The body was afterwards taken charge of by a party from the man-of-war, and accorded a funeral with naval honours at the New Cemetery to the afternoon.

In a package of ore samples received at Vancouver, B.C., from Yale, W. P. Harvey, the Provincial Assayer, found some metal mixed with magnetic iron ore. The tender had no idea what it was and asked for its examination. A test was carefully made and resulted in the discovery of the very rare combination of gold amalgamated with mercury by nature. The assay value of the specimen is about \$257,000 to the ton. Little is known as to the extent of the find, and so far as can be learned this is the only one of its kind ever made in Canada, and is possibly the highest assay ever recorded. The find is more precious than fine gold, but had recently been passed over as of no value.

**FOLLOWING** close upon the heels of the scandal case, involving several high judicial officials, comes the trial of another naval officer, accused in Japan of judicial crime. The offender is no less a personage than the presiding Judge (Mian) of the Takamatsu District Court. The *Nippon* is in receipt of news that the Judge attempted to commit a criminal assault upon the wife of one of his clerks, being only defeated by his purpose by others who came to the woman's assistance. The scandal has of course created great commotion amongst the members of the Takamatsu Bar, and the Public Prosecutor-in-Chief of the Court has approached the Osaka Court of Appeal in reference to the matter. As far as Japan remarks in giving publicity to the affair, there are indeed a most unfortunate, especially among the Chinese, when the *Codex* has not yet been put in force and when the country is seeking Treaty Revision. It is indeed regrettable, not alone on account of these two circumstances, but for the general reflection thrown on the entire Judiciary of Japan, that gentlemen so high in the profession should become involved in such disgraceful scandals.—*Japan Gazette*.

**THE NUMBER** of vessels visiting the port of Aden for the past year, shows a fall of 100,000, which will be largely increased as the extension of the works at Poon in carried out. There was also a decrease of Rs. 434,530 in imports by sea in 1891-92 as compared with the previous year, and in coal there was a decrease of 32,376 tons since the year before. The export of salt of local manufacture reached 49,165 tons during the year 1891-92. Some of the salt is now crushed before exportation to Calcutta, to which port it is principally consigned. The coal stocks are not what they were in bulk or quantity. This is entirely owing to the action of the Government in giving the monopoly of coal to the British Coal Company in Janicot Bay, Peninsular Island, the result being that there is but little coal in Aden to be protected in the event of war breaking out, and for which so many millions of rupees have been and are expended in the Aden defences, and a large quantity at Poon where no protection at present exists, but which will have to be provided at further enormous expenditure.—*Indian Engineer*.

**FUAGUA**, a district of the Ningpo department, is noted for roughness of manner of the inhabitants, who are truculent and are allowed much liberty by the magistrates who are sent to govern them; otherwise insurrections would be of constant occurrence. At the present moment they are obliged to acquiesce silently in a popular act which totally ignores them. Recently they assumed authority to execute a murderer, the magistrates remitting punishment only compiling. A man had long treated his wife cruelly, a girl whom she purchased to become her daughter-in-law, put the poor child to death by burning her abdomen with a hollow smoothing iron filled with live coals. The same night the mother of the murdered child, now, believed she saw an apparition of her daughter in a dream, which led to the discovery of the abominable murder, on which the enraged clan of the deceased seized the murderer, tied a stone to her body, and threw her into the river, to the surface of which she never rose again. This is how Judge Lynch gets his work occasionally in China.—*Mercury*.

The *Tao Tai* of Wenchow has issued a stirring proclamation against the prevalent crime of kidnapping children. He says that unprincipled men entice boys and girls to go on board boats, and then take the poor children to junks, chiefly Fukien traders, to whom they are sold. Prompt measures are taken to apprehend those miscreants, but in such cases attempts to repress one evil give rise to another. On this occasion the *Tao Tai* finds himself obliged to admonish against the practice of bringing up false charges. Proclamations of each of those crimes are equally potent or equally important.—*Mercury*.

There is a horse in the United States army on the retired list, drawing a pension. It is a fact. The horse belonged to Captain Keogh, a near relative of General Custer, and is the only horse which escaped the massacre in which he was killed. The horse is called "Lucky" and is in the 7th Cavalry, Custer's old regiment. His pension is sufficient to pay for his transportation wherever he goes, and to pay for his forage. He is cared for by a man who does nothing else. He is saddled, bridled, and equipped, and led out for inspection, yet no one gets into his saddle. He has been much sought after by enterprising showmen, but Uncle Sam says no. He will be kept as long as he lasts, and after that will probably be presented and sent to the Smithsonian Institution. The Comanche war-horse, which fought so gallantly, has been totally destroyed. The Professor requires no remuneratation beyond his travelling expenses.

This random statement that naval officers can only write upon dry technical subjects may not be at the present time by instanting the name of one who has just been admitted to the French Academy. Pierre Loti, who is no other than the celebrated Louis Marie Julien Vialot of the French navy, an officer distinguished for his French literature of works so beautiful in conception, and subtle in character, that they defy the skill of the translator, has well earned his right to be numbered among the "immortals." Moreover, we think of the companionship of the sea, with all its loneliness and mystery, the long night watches, the strange scenes of distant places, are things that must evoke the imaginative faculties, even if these cannot always find expression. Louis Vialot was born on January 14, 1820, entered the navy in 1841, and was promoted second lieutenant in 1873, and was promoted to captain in nearly every port of the world. It was off Senegal that he wrote his "Roman d'un Sabot," nearer home he produced his most artistic French romance "Mon Frere Yves"; it was found in a cruise in Chinese and Japanese waters that he brought back what some think his masterpiece, "Poecheurs d'Islands." Upon his return from service with the Mediterranean Squadron, Lieutenant Vialot received the command, in December last year, of a small gunboat of 30 horse-power, the *Javelot*, now in service in the Bidasoa.—*Army and Navy Gazette*.

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